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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes. A little about my experience, I am a community member on the Grand Traverse Community Corrections Advisory Board, before moving to Traverse City I worked 25 years for the department of Correction in Wisconsin. Currently I am helping out in a local restaurant where the newly appointed head chef is a graduate of Community Corrections of Traverse.

With this in mind I would like to support local control with statewide oversight control. The problems and challenges of "down state" are not the same as those faced in a more rural area. A small example would be access to public transportation, which impacts, ability to get and maintain work. When a permanent job is not part of reentry, return to old ways is not far behind.

In my short time in the area I have been impressed with how community corrections works in Grand Traverse County. My experience in Wisconsin taught me the value of reentry for inmates. Reentry planning should be an essential part of incarceration while community corrections working with reentry must adapt their program to the local area. Wisconsin and Michigan are similar with their urban and rural differences.

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